

Sports

THE BIG FIGHT.

Fitz was asked the other day whom he would meet next, in case of his defeating Corbett. This put the Kangaroo into something of a reverie. "I can't think of anybody just yet," he replied. "Who is there that would draw a purse against me? I'm in the game to the end, if they can stir up a body, but I am not going to deal in clubs or fighters whom I outclass or have already defeated."

Really there appears no one in the range of the pugilistic horizon to-day worthy of being thought of as a future opponent of the winner between Fitz and Corbett, says "Joe" Donovany. If their contest should prove long and exciting and somewhat contested, a return match between them would be a battle worked up within a year; otherwise it looks as though a considerable time must elapse before another big championship mill. A short time ago I thought Tom Sharkey must be considered a worthy opponent for the best going, but Tom seems to have fallen back in general estimation of late. Those on the coast who are conversant with the sailor's manner of milling think he can never give the championship any sort of brush under Queensberry rules, though under the old-style rules he would probably stand an even or better chance with any of them.

However, a final meeting between Sharkey and Peter Maher should point out the next best man to Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Hand Ball and Bag Punching.

Next to hard sparring and bag punching, reliable exercise in the repertoire of a man in training for a fight contest, Jim Corbett, I believe, has figured it that way. He has, since the earliest intimation of a go with Fitzsimmons, hunted up hand-ball courts in whatever part of the country he found himself and he has there peered his shirt and tested his bellows against skilled opponents in one of the most widely-harrowing exercises ever invented. Hand-ball is a game of two-handed quickness, of foot-agility, of accuracy of the eye—all of which characterize it of the same category as ring fighting. The game is anti-fat and paunch-destroying and no man who will mix up with hand-ball an hour every other day need fear any increase in that direction.

Fitzsimmons goes down on bag punching, relieved by runs across the country, and bag punching when put to what it ought to be, inferior to nothing known as a preparatory exercise in hard ring work. However, an irksome task to most boxers, too much limited in space and movement and very hard work, too.

Corbett overcame the wearisome routine of sphere thumping Fitz likes to have a crowd of admirers of his skill stand round, sandwitching in plaudits to the merry rat-a-tat, and Young Griffo, never much of a bag exerciser or trainer under any conditions, used to avow he would rather go to jail than rap the sphere ten minutes without a lot of awe-stricken, rubbernecked, in hand-ball this tediousness is pretty well done away with; you are always struggling with an opponent, and talk and jest put time quickly by.

Preparing for the Fight.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 16.—The Western Union Telegraph Company is making ample preparations for telegraphic facilities and for the prompt transmission of press dispatches about the fight. Permanent poles are being put in between Reno and Carson City and extra wires strung, the intention being to retain the new lines so as to be able to take care of future business. A large room has been rented here and is being fitted up for the comfort and use of newspaper representatives, who will have every facility for the prompt and convenient doing of their work. The amphitheatre will be 300 feet square and so constructed that 20,000 people can witness the entertainment.

WEST VIRGINIA'S STANDING

In the L. A. W. Bettered During the Past Year—Ahead of Old Virginia.

At the national assembly of the L. A. W. Secretary Abbott Bassett presented a table showing the membership on February 1, 1896, and that of February 1, 1897. In previous years he gave the comparative standing of the first ten divisions in the past and present. This year he has gone to the trouble to record the standing of every division in the two years. The figures at the left, in the table below, give first, the numerical standing for 1896, and second, that for 1897. A glance at the table will show the advance of retrogression of each and every division:

	1896.	1897.
1—Alabama	41	27
2—Arizona	72	28
3—Arkansas	244	257
4—California	683	501
5—Connecticut	263	1,416
6—Delaware	20	24
7—District of Columbia	30	215
8—Florida	16	145
9—Georgia	13	17
10—Idaho	3	6
11—Illinois	1,004	3,227
12—Indiana	265	1,092
13—Iowa	276	1,416
14—Kansas	465	555
15—Kentucky	490	1,240
16—Louisiana	14	247
17—Maine	68	296
18—Maryland	689	1,292
19—Massachusetts	6,001	9,649
20—Michigan	687	1,110
21—Minnesota	77	59
22—Mississippi	77	59
23—Missouri	1,679	2,121
24—Montana	13	169
25—Nebraska	2	40
26—Nevada	2	40
27—New Hampshire	267	365
28—New Jersey	2,494	4,765
29—New Mexico	10,200	20,776
30—New York	999	2,619
31—North Carolina	28	65
32—North Dakota	1,574	2,181
33—Ohio	1,050	2,000
34—Oklahoma	1	20
35—Oregon	1	20
36—Pennsylvania	4,231	11,100
37—Rhode Island	617	1,120
38—South Carolina	4	93
39—South Dakota	19	26
40—Tennessee	275	568
41—Texas	107	126
42—Utah	63	109
43—Vermont	25	42
44—Virginia	79	422
45—Washington	35	192
46—West Virginia	1,117	1,650
47—Wisconsin	10	18
48—Wyoming	15	28
Totals	48,922	74,742

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our record of a year ago—a gain of 27 per cent," said Mr. Bassett. This exceeds all previous records."

BOWLING.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Av.
Famous	25	7	.822	871
Randy Boos	24	15	.615	834
Tidal Waves	23	16	.584	829
Harvest	23	19	.548	854
Auroras	19	23	.452	837
Ceramias	17	25	.406	813
Matt Pouch	16	26	.381	800
Aber-Nit	5	34	.128	750

The Harvest boys made a desperate effort to take three straight from the Matt Pouch aggregation, but they fell short on the last game, which was won by the disciples of "mop" with ease. Harvest, although rolling a good average game, seems unable to escape defeat at the hands of the second division teams. Score:

Team.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Matt Pouch	178	159	135	470
Ros	120	130	137	387
Nordeman	151	123	125	399
Nolle	160	167	170	497
Belmont	140	112	134	386
Rebeling	109	125	160	394

Team.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Harvest	147	190	161	498
Belwinger	156	123	127	406
Sarver	156	171	128	455
Spindel	165	164	161	490
Seamon	138	188	128	454
Gaughan	136	135	112	383

Totals.....875 816 861 2553

Umpire—Nordeman. Scorers, Stoppel and J. Nolle.

ARION CHESS CLUB

Entertained J. D. Stevens, the Well Known Pittsburgh Player.

Last night Mr. J. D. Stevens, the well known Pittsburgh chess expert, whose reputation in that line is international, was the guest of the Arion Chess Club, of this city. A pleasant evening was spent, many local chess players being on hand to meet the prominent visitor.

The Arion will shortly invite the members of the Allegheny County Club, of Greater Pittsburgh, to come to Wheeling as its guests. It is not intended as a challenge, but for a social event.

For Manager Coyle.

There is a letter at this office for Manager Coyle, of the Wheeling base ball club.

The Ritz Case.

The case of City of Wheeling vs. Ritz for \$10,000 damages, is still on trial in the circuit court before Judge Hervey. The hearing of evidence occupied the entire day, and the case will probably be given to the jury to-day.

A number of witnesses for the plaintiff were examined yesterday, including several children who were companions of the Ritz girl. Nearly all of the witnesses testified as to the opening in the fence, which was closed after the drowning, but they differed in their opinions as to its size.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Parkersburg, ARKAND, 11 a. m.
Matozora, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Pittsburgh, HUDSON, 11 a. m.
Cincinnati, KEYSTONE STATE, noon.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Sistersville, MANHATTAN, 3:30 p. m.
Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Charleston, KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m.
Pittsburgh, BEN HUR, 8 a. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Sistersville, MANHATTAN, 3:30 p. m.
Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Pittsburgh, H. K. BEDFORD, 6:30 a. m.
Cincinnati, HUDSON, 8 a. m.
Parkersburg, ARKAND, 11 a. m.
Matozora, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Sistersville, MANHATTAN, 3:30 p. m.
Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 14 feet 2 inches and falling. Weather, clear and warmer.

The Josh Cook at 9 a. m. and the Samuel Clark at noon, passed up with empties yesterday.

The Keystone State did not clear from Moundsville until 4 p. m., having been detained at various mill landings in the Wheeling district by heavy freight offerings.

Old Time Navigation.

The Evansville Journal says: "Several old steamboatmen say that the boats of the present time do not take the risks that those of several years ago did. Colonel Thad Conant says that, years ago, he saw boats run through the ice on the Mississippi and for fifteen miles they could hear them striking the heavy chunks. They would build crabs around the head, and as fast as they would wear out by the ice rubbing against them, new ones would be built." The Journal overlooks the fact, says the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune, that freight rates were much higher then than now. The rate for 1,000 tons now is about the same for that charged for one hundred tons in those days. Aside from this, steam-boating to-day is much safer than in the "good old days," and accidents are now very rare.

River Telegrams

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 10 inches and stationary. Clear and mild.
GREENSBORO—River 10 feet 5 inches and stationary. Fair and slightly cooler. The Adam Jacobs is due up and down on Wednesday.
WARREN—River 1 foot 6 inches. Fair and mild.
MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 10 inches and falling. Clear; mercury 36.
PITTSBURGH—River 10 1/2 feet and falling at the dam. Clear and cool.
STUEBENVILLE—River 13 feet 10 inches and falling. Clear and cool. Passed up—The Jim Wood, Hudson, John Cook. Passed down—The Robert Jenkins and Kanawha.
PARKERSBURG—The Ohio river is 16 feet 4 inches and falling. Passed down—The Ben Hur, Keystone, down with coal; Resolute. Passed up—The Valley Belle. The Little Kanawha is falling. All the locals were on time.

M'ECHEEN.

Breezy News Items Gathered in the Busy Marshall County Town.

The people of this place should see what they could do toward getting an express office, something needed very badly, for people have to go to Benwood, Bellaire or Moundsville for express matter.

The condition of Will Hanley, who has an attack of brain trouble, is very serious. No hopes are entertained for his recovery.

R. L. Hibbs, the grocer, was called to Mannington yesterday, on account of his brother's illness.

The condition of Nathan Vanaman, whose illness was mentioned before, is unchanged.

Rev. J. Stephens, of Seio, O., is in town, in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Mrs. Joseph Marple, who has been sick for several days, was better yesterday.

W. J. Gibson, a well known oil man of Pittsburgh, was in town yesterday.

James Quinn is able to be out after a severe attack of the grip.

J. L. Pracht and wife were at Wheeling yesterday.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

Judge Evans in common pleas court at Columbus to-day, delivered an opinion of interest throughout the entire state, and especially to bankers and financial concerns.

It related to the rights of mortgage holders, and will interest banks because of the custom which prevails of putting up mortgages as collateral securities for loans. The holding of the court in brief is that an assignment of a mortgage must be made a matter of record at the county recorder's office in order to protect the party to whom the mortgage is assigned. In other words, when a man puts up a mortgage at a bank as collateral security, it is in effect an assignment of the mortgage, and the bank should have that assignment recorded in order to protect itself against loss through any cancellation that may be made by the party who gave the mortgage originally.

Judge Evans, in effect, held that where one neglects to take advantage of the law, and this leaves open a way by which some one else may perpetrate a fraud, the neglected party must suffer. This is the theory of the decision.

It is estimated that not less than a million dollars is at present loaned out by the banks and financial men on collateral security.

Postmaster J. W. Terrill has secured the permission of the assistant postmaster general to remove the postoffice, and is having the storeroom in the Bellvue Hotel building, on Hanover street, just vacated by L. Fine, the clothier, fitted up and will move the postoffice as quickly as it is ready for occupancy. The room is much larger than the present quarters.

The Munchers of Hard Tack or Jordan, the Hard Road to Travel, a side degree of the Junior Mechanics, will be instituted next Friday evening, by Hiaawatha Council, Jr., O. U. A. M. The number will be 156, and there are fourteen chartered members. For real fun it is said that the Munchers far surpass the Oriental.

Miss Jeanette Thoburn was married last night to Mr. Theo. Burris, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thoburn, on Scotch Ridge. Rev. Edgar G. Bailey, pastor of the U. P. church, performing the ceremony. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

The burning of a wooden pulley in the warehouse of the Aetna-Standard yesterday, filled the place with smoke and caused some excitement. It was running at the rate of about 900 revolutions to the minute and was ignited by the belt.

The committee appointed to make a canvass of Martin's Ferry and sell tickets for the charity entertainment, consists of J. P. Crowl, F. D. Stricklin, George McGilumphy, Frank McCarty and Harry Cook.

Thomas Dugan's mother and two of his children have died since they moved from Ellwood to Indiana, Pa. They formerly resided in Martin's Ferry.

Eighteen persons will take part in "Aunt Jerusha's Album," at the King's Daughters Charity Entertainment at the opera house on Saturday night.

Mrs. Charles Kochner, aged over eighty years, died yesterday, at the residence of her son, in the Standard addition. She was born in Germany.

Yesterday the Thomas Morris farm of seventeen and one-half acres, on Glenn's Run, was sold at \$447, two-thirds the amount of appraisal.

Mrs. James Exley and her daughter, Miss Jennie, of Wheeling, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heslop.

There have been about 125 conversions during the revival at the M. E. church. Meetings are held nightly.

The Jennie Caley Company will close its lights engagement to-night with "The Attorney at Law."

Spence & Son will build a seventy-five horse power engine for the addition to the Laughlin tin mill.

The work of putting up the electric crane at the Aetna-Standard, is progressing finely.

The pudding department at the Aetna-Standard will resume to-day.

Thomas Blankensop has been notified of an increase of pension.

James Fury is able to be out, after a week's illness.

Dr. Daniel Cox is at Sistersville on business.

Peter Miller goes to Mannington to-morrow.

Mrs. G. G. Sedgwick is on the sick list.

MOUNDSVILLE.

A Miscellaneous Mixture of Minor Matters from Marshall's Metropolis.

A meeting of the business men of the city was held at the court house on Monday evening to consider the new railroad matter. The line is contemplated from Connellsville, Pa., to this place. G. V. Hughes held a conference with the promoters of the road at Waynesburg and Pittsburgh last week and reported at this meeting. It was decided to appoint a committee to attend the next meeting of the directors of the company at Waynesburg on the 15th inst. The committee appointed was Mr. Hughes, R. B. McConnell and G. S. McFadden.

John A. Mangold left for Cincinnati at the Atlantic Keystone State last evening at 6 o'clock.

Carl H. Hunter was out on the streets yesterday, the first time since his siege of typhoid fever.

S. W. Dick is having a new plate glass front put in his store room, on La Fayette avenue.

Thomas Gates is in Pittsburgh on a business trip.

Thieves tried to enter the Ohio railroad office here, early Sunday morning. They succeeded in getting into the waiting room, by prying open a window from the outside, but were unable to get into the office. Similar attempts at robbing this office have been made before. Even if successful, the thieves would not get much, as the company does not store much cash at its office here.

The suit of Mrs. Dunn against her husband Thomas Dunn for household furniture was heard yesterday in Squire Lacey's court. Further hearing was postponed. The legal fraternity was represented by Dryden and Robinson for plaintiff; J. J. Coniff for defendant.

Benwood streets compare favorably with those of larger towns. When other places have been kicking about their muddy streets, the thoroughfares here have been moderately clean. Good paving and an efficient street commissioner have brought this about.

The ladies of the Disciples' church of McEchen, will give a festival and entertainment at the church on February 26 and 27. The entertainments will doubtless be well attended.

John Newton returned from Sistersville yesterday, where he has been spending a few weeks visiting friends.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alternative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer, and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at Logan Drug Co.'s drug store.

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This is the stamp that the letter bore which carried the story far and wide, of certain cure for the loathsome sore that bubbled up from the tainted tide of the blood below. And 'twas Ayer's name And his sarsaparilla, that all now know, That was just beginning its fight of fame With its cures of 50 years ago.

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is the original sarsaparilla. It has behind it a record for cures unequalled by any blood purifying compound. It is the only sarsaparilla honored by a medal at the World's Fair of 1893. Others imitate the remedy; they can't imitate the record.

50 Years of Cures.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip About the Glass City.

J. W. May, agent of the United States express company in this city, and Miss Maude Coits, of the telephone office, were married last evening at the bride's home on Central avenue, by Rev. H. A. L. King. Just a few friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony, after which the young married couple went to their furnished home on North Gunnessey street, where they will begin housekeeping immediately, followed by the best wishes of their friends for their future happiness and success.

Roderfer Bros. have given notice to their employees that they will not be needed after Saturday. It is said the plant will employ non-union men, so as to compete with other non-union factories. The difficulty might be fixed by the present employees accepting a reduction.

William McCoy and wife will entertain a number of their friends to-morrow evening at their home in the Gravel Hill cut.

The Progress club gave a very pleasant hop last evening in Armory hall. Anton La Roche furnished the music.

Mrs. Thomas Wetherall will entertain a number of her friends Friday evening at her home in the Fifth ward.

Charles Rosser will be home to-day from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been spending a couple of weeks.

Miss Anita Roberts has returned home to Bellaire after a very pleasant visit with relatives in this city.

Dr. Fred Perego and wife, of Barnesville, are the guests of Rev. Perego and wife, in the Second ward.

Mrs. Edward Meredith, of Pittsburgh, will visit relatives in this city the last of this week.

Miss Minnie Darrah is working in the postoffice in the place of Miss Kate Sherry.

Mrs. J. B. Gibson has returned home from a visit with relatives in Barnesville.

Mrs. William Wells is dangerously ill at her home in the Fifth ward.

Mr. John R. Gow is improving, after a severe attack of the grip.

Blood is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich and healthy you will be well; if impure, disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness, 25c.

BENWOOD.

Live News Items From the Lively Industrial Town.

A cheeky and peculiar theft which happened yesterday afternoon, here, caused quite a sensation. A hobo pudler who had been fishing in the river, sold a string of fish to Mrs. Thomas Welch, for twenty-five cents. She gave him a dollar, out of which he was to make the change, but he grabbed the dollar and took to his heels. The alarm was given, but the thief threw away what he was carrying, and soon made good his escape. He was caught in Wheeling last night.